

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 22, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 22, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioners Westfall and Hague received compliments on the road work that has been done on SE 36th Street.
2. Commissioner Westfall expressed concerns about the announcement that the state will not be paying their share into KPERs, but the employees will be paying more.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall has been invited to attend a South Central Kansas legislative forum on January 8.

Minutes of the December 15, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the December 16, 2014 special Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Piepho was sworn in as the Harvey County Clerk by District Judge Joe Dickinson.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner asked the Commissioners if they would like to cancel the commission meeting scheduled for next Monday, December 29th due to the holidays and a very light agenda. He stated that a trip to the Leavenworth area to view some used buildings for use at the new 800 MHz towers might be scheduled for next week sometime. The commissioners concurred that there should not be a meeting next week unless necessary. Commissioner Hague made a motion to cancel the commission meeting scheduled for December 29 and authorized administration to issue the warrant checks. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John reported that there is now more room available for the trip that the EDC is planning on January 8 to tour the Logistics Park located in Kansas City
3. John stated that he had a request from County Treasurer Becky Fields to close her office at noon on Wednesday, December 24th because the KS State Treasurers office is closing at that time and there would be no support staff available. John responded to the request by allowing the office to close but the time off would not be additional holiday pay although vacation hours could be used by the employees.
4. John informed the commission that it is required for the commission to set the salary for elected officials and that with the appointment of Rick Piepho as the new County Clerk they would have to set his salary. He recommended that the salary be set at the same amount as set in Resolution 2014-1 for the County Clerk position at \$62,788 annually until the salary resolution for 2016 was established in January of 2016. Rick Piepho,

- County Clerk, disagreed with the recommendation, stating that the Clerk position should be included with all of the other elected positions in any changes to be made in the 2015 salary resolution to be presented in early January 2015 and not skipped over until 2016. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to set the salary for County Clerk, Rick Piepho at \$62,788 annually until the salaries for elected officials for 2015 are established in January of 2015. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. The EDC is planning to take a small group of about 15 people to tour the Logistics Park located in Kansas City on January 8. John said that because the number of people that can go is limited, if any of the Commissioners can go, reservations need to be made as soon as possible.
 6. John reported that the position of Noxious Weed Director was offered to Rex Yohn and he agreed to accept the position. Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Rex Yohn as Noxious Weed Director starting at range 20, step 3 or \$40,664 annually. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 7. John stated that Administrative Assistant Carmen Reimer has been appointed by County Clerk Rick Piepho as the Deputy County Clerk. The position she is vacating is being posted internally and on HREpartners.
 8. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, distributed a card that they will be handing out announcing their move. She stated that the Health Department will be moving to the Pine Street location on January 26 & 27 and will be open for business in the new location on January 28, 2014. She reported that Health Ministries has already moved into the new facility. She also reported that the Health Department has had a few more cases of whooping cough.
 9. Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging reported that he has concerns over some transit grant funding issues. Anthony Swartzendruber explained the funding issue involves the commitment of financial support from the County that is required by the State to qualify for a 50% match grant. Anthony stated that in previous years in-kind support was included in the calculation for financial commitment, but is no longer allowed. Anthony recommended that administration be allowed to send a letter to the State guaranteeing a 50% amount of \$67,089 even though the budget shows \$42,900. He stated that as long as the program is funded by the State the budget will not have to be adjusted. Commissioner Hague made a motion to have administration send a letter to the State with a 50% match guarantee of \$67,800. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 10. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, asked if the tentative date for the township dinner of Monday, February 9, 2015 would work for the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed that that date would be fine.
 11. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he is meeting with Judge Klenda at 10:15 a.m. this morning. Greg also reported that he will be unable to attend the February 17th meeting because he will be on his honeymoon.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$98,311.67 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege and non-elected personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Rick Piepho. Counselor Greg Nye left the session at 10:05 a.m. after the attorney client privilege issue was discussed. Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

A discussion was regarding the employee payroll market compensation index adjustment scheduled for 2015. John stated that the actual index adjustment is 1.9% instead of the estimated 1.5%. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to implement a 1.9% market compensation index adjustment in place of the current 1.5% adjustment. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

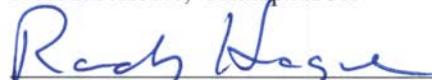
Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the Commission with a request for a conditional use permit from Karen Regier for a dog park at 4624 NE 12th St that was recommended for approval by the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the conditional use permit as presented by the planning commission. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

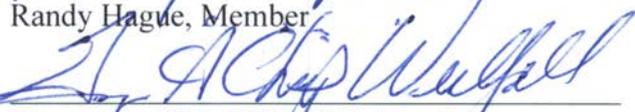
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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:



Rick Piepho, County Clerk

